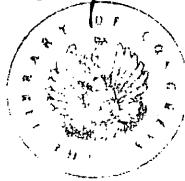


Diary of Daniel Coker,

April 21 - Sept. 21, 1821



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Though the name of the author is not contained in the diary, investigation has shown that it was written by Daniel Coker, Methodist missionary at Foura Bay, near Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

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Rev. Daniel Coker,

Diary

April 21, 1821 - Sept. 21, 1821

(41 pages)

Frank Bay April 21<sup>st</sup> 1831

Saturday

This day the big meeting was given this town to a vessel commanded by Captain Blue. I believe that all our people felt deeply interested in her safe return to America. A great number of letters were forwarded by this opportunity to different parts of the U. S. I sent this just cause in to the hands of the same Good God that hath preserved and will preserve us thus far. "If the rock be of God it will stand, & my soul look thou still in the living God. My soul never do thou let thy cause out of his hands. It is he that hath sustained thee in the hour of trial when thou appearedst to be no human help at hand."

"Never will I remember

Out of thy hand my cause

But rest in thy mercenary love  
And hang upon thy hope."

Frank Bay April 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

This day, ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> a comfortable day, & considered a considerable number attended from the ~~the~~ town. I would fain hope to have succeeded in the people may be uniting.

Frank Bay April 24<sup>th</sup> Monday

The day I fell & was turned toward home again. And from that day I felt a compunction my life with that of George Fox, Richard Baxter, the Rev. George Whitefield, Mrs. Howitt & others. I sink in my own estimation and am ready to sacrifice my liberty, my health,

Oppy soul for either of my End, why are ~~I~~ go  
over ~~now~~ ~~now~~ & I feel a strange desire to  
live, and feel what I think they lived and  
enjoyed.

"Then before law of these  
days to me ~~is~~ speak."

The spirit's law of life divine  
I wrote on a my book

Imprint it deep with you

Where it may never be remov'd

The law of Liberty from sin —  
The perfect law of Love is,

Wesley

Fowle Bay April 26<sup>th</sup> Monday

Last evening I was very unwell but  
am better to day. I think it most likely  
that my Heavenly Father intends to keep ~~me~~  
me (apparently) near the Brink of the Grave,  
thereby to stir me up to walk near to him.  
When I am favoured to view it in this  
light I feel a heart to leave him, the  
udden pains I feel passing through my  
earthly house of clay proclaims to me that  
the materials are decaying, and that seems  
to urge me to examine my hopes as to that  
house build without hands eternally in the  
Heavens.

Fowle Bay April 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

This day we were made glad at the  
return of Mr E. Beacon & the Rev Mr Green  
who went down to explore the coast. They return  
in unexpected good health — They see the Pp.  
Mandado and the Guard. Breakfast was — People  
attended the church of Lord — the Government

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Frank Bay April 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
This evening while reading Dr  
Blair on Sublimity, a circumstance  
occurred which induced me to conclude  
that it was an interposition of Providence

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of the Dr. "Remove all bounds from any  
object, and you presently render it sublime.  
Here infinite space, endless numbers, and  
eternal duration, fill the mind with  
great ideas; Have this some have imagined  
that vastness, or amplitude of extent  
is the foundation of all sublimity, But  
I cannot be of this opinion, because  
many objects appear sublime which have  
no relation to space at all. Such for  
instance is great bodies of sound,  
the burst of thunder, or of Cannon [As  
I cast my eye on the word Cannon,  
the report of a cannon at the time  
burst upon my eyes] I am of the opinion  
that among small intimations of a great  
particular Providence are interwoven by us  
all together, or we imprint it as do the  
Atheists to chance."

When ever the Christian uses this  
word chance I they mean it should mean  
that we did not know that such a thing  
would happen or that we did not intend  
by any acts of ours, to produce such an  
effect. Chambers explains it thus of party

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He would be able to express the force of the  
mouth of a horse he had pointed there  
his sponge in despair at the peace and  
by chance did that which he could  
not before by design, "see Brack's Doc.  
on chance, Brandam, 6. You be assured in  
favour of chance. I can only say that Dr.  
Clark's explanation of the sponge ~~stripp'd~~ may  
seem. The Dr. observes that the word  
stripp'd signifies an event that naturally arises  
from such concurring causes as, in  
the order & nature of things must produce  
it, thus a bad state of the atmosphere,  
putrid exhalations, bad diet & occasioned  
by any general scarcity, might have produced  
the disease in question, and to something  
of this kind they would attribute it, if  
the other evidence did not occur, this  
gives us the proper notion of chance,  
and shews us that it is a matter as depend  
upon the divine providence, as any thing  
can be; or shew that these occurrences  
are part of the divine government,

I would now observe that when  
I suspend Dr. Blair's Lecture (which I did  
but little did I think of writing a word  
this evening. Who can say but what it was  
intended by providence to produce this  
very effect No. 1. the above remark.

In all my way they had I said  
my ruling providence to see  
that he did my cause to me  
and still keep my letters to her



St. Paul May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863  
Dear Sir My Esq  
I sincerely presume Mr  
Bacon better to say she is a colored lady  
I think it is rather unfortunate that Mrs  
Bacon is at this time sick at Regatta  
Town, I hope she will be better in  
a few days so as to be able to be  
removed down to her husband, the two  
ships captives that called to examine  
the Schooner thinks it will be necessary  
to take her up the river about 16  
miles to Bank Island to assist her  
before she will be fit to go down  
to grand Bazaar, this as we have every  
reason to expect the rains to commence  
in a few weeks time, it is doubtful  
with me whether any part of the  
people will be removed before the  
next day to our intended settlement.  
There is one difficulty in the way  
of our agents, I find. viz The getting the  
people removed that are at Shurbs.  
But in they must be done, and that  
speedily, as the provision sent ~~there~~ after  
the arrival of the Brig Manitoba is  
we learn exasperated, may the Lord  
Direct in ~~the~~ matter.

St. Paul May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863  
No new cases of fever considerable  
yesterday, I am informed, there  
was a meeting entertainments given  
to the colored people on Board the  
Brig. Manitoba, there was  
much voluntary in the occasion.

The British are deplored  
in getting influence in Africa. And  
it is some considerable pleasure to me  
to believe that our flag now flies on  
the beach of that part of St Johns River  
in the grand Baffin Country where our  
agents the Indians have marked out the  
spot for the erection of the town.  
After we agreed for the land they  
set up our flag, and left it flying.  
Never was I think permitted to see the  
prisoned Land but not to enter  
in. I think as likely that I shall  
not be permitted to see our expected  
country canary. But this will be  
of but small moment so that some  
thousands of African Children are safely  
landed, at this moment only too  
rejoice in the hope of the much  
greater privilege of entering the  
Heavenly Canaan.

Great Bay May 4<sup>th</sup>

This day we have considered  
against us a sudden alarm from  
increasing sickness. Praise the Lord,  
I received the following letter last  
evening from the American Consul  
at the Bay.

Great Bay May 6<sup>th</sup>

This day on our morning  
day I spoke from Romans 11, 3. I felt  
it to be a comfortable day. Then  
Mr. Atkins, first agent of the  
Society for the Emancipation

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Boyle found it expedient for him to claim  
- that he was excommunicated by the Church  
I have him to be poor. Then  
Boyle's friend will neither converse  
with me or affix my name to any document with  
it. Submitting to this the Bishop in shall  
get along in harmony. The Episcopalian  
in the State don't any get along without  
together as to common powder the  
other are not to speak for prejudiced  
against the prayer book they are  
not afraid to meet each other. But  
Dear Sirs no reasonable cause for  
suspecting such one should be to  
fear and the other to extirpate.  
This word is its worst source it may give  
any impression on the fancy, or agitation  
of the feelings of what he can  
give no rational account. It may  
justify that epithet of the State mind  
which leads a man to suppose he  
has some remarkable intercourse with  
the devil. while at the same time it  
is nothing more than the effect of  
a heated imagination on a gullible  
constitution of the mind. be a  
lighter. if the wall which was per-  
verse be renovated, detested for  
evil and inclined to good, if the  
good powers be allowed grace to ex-  
altion for the promotion of divine  
glory, and the good of all, if the  
adverse corruption of the church be  
overcome and substituted of peace and glory

rise from a view of the goodness of  
God, attended with a spiritual fire  
of mind, a heart devoted to God and  
wholly useful life & however this may  
be bounded with the race of a human  
we certainly upon God, because the  
human efforts, unassisted by him, can  
not produce such effects as these.  
see Socke, Wesley Mrs H. Marshall  
towards forming the character of a  
young Prince. /

Funch Bay May 12 Sab

This day Mrs Bacon's health better

Funch Bay May 13. Sab

This day the American Schooner  
Algonquin from Boston, mounting 14  
guns & Captain Stockton Anchored  
in harbor of Freetown. this also a  
French Schooner (a cutter) there  
and sailing on the occasion

Funch Bay May 15 Tuesday

We have been visited at our  
temporary residence by Captain Stockton  
and some of his officers, they appear  
in words to be zealous in the cause.  
This morning they started down the coast  
in a canoe; perhaps as far as the Line,  
on returning had a slave vessel  
brought into the harbor of Freetown  
bearing on board 600 and some odd  
slaves a present to the Draper of an  
English Brig /

Funch Bay May 16 Wednesday

Mr. Morris the Doctor

settled down their costly plans  
several months to her number  
than expected.

in a "Break Bay May 17<sup>th</sup> have  
I think I have ascertained of the  
place. Mrs. B. with several slaves, they  
wife complains to day / B. did not bid  
up / our dear Wilson is improving  
fast. Mr. Daniel has a bad gouty  
gathering at his hand. It is thought  
this will be no disadvantage to him.

The Lord be praised that it is no worse.

I admire the sentiments of a certain  
female. "Insensibility to eternal  
things in Beings who are standing  
on the Banks of eternity is a sinfulness  
which would be recorded a profligacy  
if it were not so common. It would  
be altogether incredible if the number of  
instances we have of it were only  
related. not witnessed, were only  
heard of, and experienced. If we  
had a certain prospect of a great  
estate, and a splendid mansion  
which we knew must be ours in  
a few days and not only ours as  
a bequest, but an inheritance,  
not only as a provision but  
a prosperity if in the mean time  
we rented or a precarious lease  
a falling cottage in bad repair,  
and ready to fall and perish, we  
~~know not~~ all events soon be turned  
over, depending on the proprietors will

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and then the agents might not be  
the next moment. Would it save  
expense or even common sense  
totally to overlook our mean & noble  
servitors and to be as friendly attached  
to our failing tenents as to spend  
great part of our time in supporting  
its ruins by prop's J. H. Moor

11. Restore the wanderer and support her  
With thy sustaining arm; for strength is thine  
And O! preserve this tempest beaten bark  
From sinking in the waves those swelling surge  
Threatens to overwhelm. To shake her not, Rule  
Her pilot, though unknown, no star appear amid  
The gloom fit of a ray, from thy all cheering  
Resonse to light her ~~on~~ course, she ride to the  
sure and in due time will reach her destined  
Port and be at peace?

Frank Bay, May 21. Mon

This day we had a small  
palaver, some of my colored friends  
from Shurbo thought hard of me  
that I had not discriminated between  
and those who had acted improperly they  
grounded their grievance on my com-  
munication to Captain Frenchards I  
informed them that the statement I  
made to that officer was not in-  
tended to include the whole without  
any exception. But the reason why  
I did not make the distinction was  
that I expected the colored agent  
and I thought it most proper  
to make the statement to them

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and they could have an opportunity  
of speaking for themselves and that  
this I was ready to do seeing the

Rev Mr Andrew the first agent was now  
on the spot and I was confident  
that the Board understood it  
as I had explained. But still this did  
not satisfy them

Great Bay May 23 pm

This day there was a meeting  
called of all the people. / My ~~anxiety~~  
by the first agent of the Society, for  
the purpose of hearing the charge of the  
people brought ~~brought~~ out in the ~~to~~  
Mantua had against him / the Rev  
Mr Andrew ~~had~~ Many charges were  
offered. And he answered to them  
all, I believe to the general sat-  
isfaction, and even to that of  
those who brought the charges, And  
the meeting adjourned in apparent  
peace. When Mr ~~Andrew~~ withdrew  
into the room of his friend Mr  
C Brown I was much affected at  
his weeping plentifully for joy that  
God had stood by him, I do  
believe that that man hours to  
bear God, & that his God only  
supported him. He will if he has  
need much grace.

Great Bay May 23 pm

This day the Rev Mr ~~Andrew~~  
proceeded at 10 o'clock, his subject  
was on the return of the people

Dear Sirs. I have reason to think it was a  
very trying day to him, another meeting being  
carried on at the same hour in opposition  
to him. He is a clergyman of the —  
Episcopal Church he delivered his ad-  
— course in the room of his friend Mr  
Bacon / Mrs Bacon being too unwell  
to go out / the Room was sufficiently  
large to accommodate all the prooposed  
previous to say but few attended, O  
Bigotry thou art no friend to religion  
or colonizing. I cannot see why such  
pains should be taken to oppose the  
Episcopal church I fear that no good  
will result from this great ~~and~~  
important undertaking. I feel it to be  
a duty to enter this in this journal and  
see my testimony against the spirit  
I wish to see every one enjoy the  
privilege of worshiping God according  
to the dictates of their ~~own~~<sup>own</sup> conscience  
But the spirit and conduct I  
most condemn.

Sarah June 8. Morn  
The Rev. Mr. Johnson from  
Ripon ~~where~~ <sup>now</sup> visited us the other  
day. I related to him the circumstance  
of his having received a parcel handed  
up to the post office a package that  
was brought in the other day which  
he said it was one of the morning  
mail. The package was labeled Boston  
& addressed to him and his brother  
John. Sisters. Meeting and a package

each other, bathed in tears unable  
for some moments to express a single  
word for joy. He informed me that  
two hundred more were on their way  
to Sierra Leone which had been just  
captured by the English. Cruisers had  
fired very decisively to have freed the  
sluggish from Boston which left  
here a few weeks ago for a cruise  
she was to return in four weeks  
time.

Yesterday the Rev Mr Andreas  
preached a perfect sermon in  
Mr Bacon room after which he  
proceeded to the administration of the  
Lord's Supper it was a comfortable  
day and perhaps would have been  
more so had not some who called  
themselves the ministers of Christ held  
no meeting (as was the case the Sabbath  
before) almost 20 yards distance so  
that each voice could be distinctly  
heard. But God <sup>can</sup> bring order  
out of confusion and make the  
mouth of man to praise him.

To Day I my dear

How changeable are all things!  
Three months ago I rejoiced at  
the arrival of Sam Bacon and his  
superintended dog Tug, took their departure  
from us to return to America again  
at the end of the next Indian year  
and to bring the following  
time and myself to these native land

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the banks of returning in the next  
step that comes not more and more  
so I find the necessity of trusting in  
God, without him the work cannot  
go on. This evening I fell much  
comforted in the time of family duty

Brook Bay June 15<sup>th</sup>

The gospel road having got  
settled in what Mr. Bacon's to  
go I visited him on board found him  
and his dear wife's situation as I thought  
allowing particularly his dear companion  
The cabin is very small - Mrs. Easton  
who is I believe past owner of the  
Schooner is going in her to the west  
Indies & he has been so very kind as  
to give Mr. Bacon the whole of  
the cabin to himself. Friend N  
Peach has consented to go with them  
for which I am very glad although  
it went hard with me to part with  
Mr. P.

### Reflections.

Dear refuge of my weary soul  
Under whose shadow I sit  
Hear the wild waves of trouble roll  
My fainting hope relapses  
To the I take each rising grief  
And this alone canst heal me  
By wisdom bring a merciful life  
And my peace I feel  
Hearing many such as you sit here  
Here laboring to be educated and  
With much difficulty to get  
to it with pride thy bed,

The Rev Mr Hobbs returned to  
us from the seacoast and  
informed us that Mr Jones been  
much better. For which I feel much  
pleased.

Tues Day June 18<sup>th</sup> A.M.

Yesterday I had considerable  
of chills attended with a little  
Delirium and fever. To day  
fell quite smart my ~~present~~ Father  
Charles lightly may be ~~considered~~ <sup>considered</sup> ~~afflicted~~  
it to my good. I desire more & more  
to see the vanity of the world. And to  
trust more in God.

T. Bay June 23<sup>rd</sup> A.M.

We have had for the last week  
but light rains. The night before  
we experienced as severe a  
Tornado as I have witnessed on the  
coast as to wind. Several houses  
(native built) I am informed were  
blown down in Free Town. But  
no lives lost.

Yesteray I received  
a note from the King's Attorney  
informing me that Mr Roffet  
intended to prosecute me for not  
delivering to him certain goods which  
he said had been sent out to him  
in the Other Adams from the  
Society. I informed the attorney  
that I did not receive any authority  
from this Society to deliver a single  
article to Mr Roffet and that all the

you left in my charge by the command  
of Mr. Belcher to the regard of the  
matters & on the arrival of the Bantines  
Mr. Mr. Reginald was at liberty to use  
his pleasure / I now wait the event  
Every day brings with it our trials, But  
as yet I find Gods grace quite suf-  
ficient for me Indeed I find great  
comfort in my god. When I compare  
my trials to his who tread the winepress  
alone they seem to dwindle into nothing  
What an advantage to us that we  
have in Christ a perfect pattern  
of suffering & patience,

F Bay June 29<sup>th</sup> Friday

This Day the atmosphere is  
remarkable clean but the sun  
is very warm. A few of our people  
are indisposed, none I believe danger-  
ously ill / except Mrs. Corey who came  
about the Bantines and is thought  
to be in a decline / As to myself I  
have felt much better for a few days  
past. I find great advantage in  
studying the scriptures by having the  
Rev Mr. Mathews with me. He is in  
my family and Mr. B. Bacon's de-  
putation,

F Bay July 1<sup>st</sup> Letter

I have had a good and con-  
fident day this day while reading  
my favorite in the scriptures  
of death. It is wonderful to see many  
that should God choose to bring

conviction to an evil practice  
I have had it by spiritual conviction,  
done to me by the preaching of his word  
and at other times by reading religious  
Books.

In conversation with the Governor  
of Sierra Leone he informed me that he  
had advised Kizygal not to attempt a  
king of the Kind. Since then Kizygal  
I am informed has made much  
trouble in the town. And what a  
marry th is took after our minds have  
been unavoidably engrossed with the  
things of the world. that on the his holy  
day we can collect in our minds and  
fix them on the concern of eternity. O  
my soul soon, very soon shall thou  
be done with busy life then may it  
be my great concern to prepare my  
accounts and to be ready to give  
mydare count of my stewardship.

How vain are all things here below  
How false and yet how fair.

The children of God in this  
life may and do suffer in many  
instances long and severely. They are  
exposed to trials, persecutions, sickness,  
poor, poverty & bereavement, of friends  
by death, and by desertion, and  
other calamities, incidental to present  
state. How delightful will be the  
remembrance to every soul of  
aifferent past miseries & afflictions.

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his whole operation of grace. Owing to  
things out of our control we could not take  
the present opportunity for writing, rather  
we despatched a postcard home to  
our Lord for patience for grace that  
is set before him. Let every Christian  
then, by <sup>the</sup> Bond of Fellowship to the Church  
trust of his Heavenly Father, and  
sustain himself under every trouble  
with the full assurance that his  
sorrows will soon have passed away  
away forever -

St. Bay July 3 Tues.

Yesterday and to day the weather  
is remarkable fine. No rain -

St. Bay July 4 Wed.

Heavy rain to day attended  
with considerable wind. I feel light  
tinctures of fever for as we call it Africa  
fever my mind is much comforted  
for several days past in reading the  
first book of Kings. I read it as I  
confess I have never done before. The  
more I read it the more ~~convinced~~  
~~it~~ seems to be. Truly it is one  
thing to read the scriptures, and another  
thing to study them. One man  
may value them as an account of  
the speculative knowledge, right  
opinions, true and as they ought to be  
but it appears from the practice  
of writers in the right way to discern  
the gospel in the world, and believe it to be  
the true gospel of our Lord Jesus

... as far as I can make them  
justice & make out the whole  
business to be well & I am glad  
to see the religion of God now  
placed they are found to be so / that  
now it is the religion of angels  
and forever will be the religion  
of saints in heaven.

### Broad Bay Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

This day Mr John Smith from  
Philadelphia / a man of color who  
came out in the ship Elizabeth /  
departed this life. It was thought  
that he died of the consumption.

What empty things are all the skip  
and this inferior God

There nothing here deserves my joy  
There's nothing like my God

### Broad Bay Aug 7<sup>th</sup>

This morning Mrs Lacy, from  
Richmond / col. / who came about  
the Rantles reported this life, she  
is said to have been in a very decline  
when she left America. Several  
of our emigrants are dispersed.  
We have no physician among us.  
While our situation is much better  
than it was this time last year.  
We have during our first two years  
been destitute. The first agent Mr  
Rev Mr Brown / Mr J. P. Brown  
and Capt. of Govt and Capt.  
Capt. of the coast guard  
after the loss of the first but the loss

the day, the present agents have an  
=positively pleasant time. What a  
change in the appearance of things  
for the better. But it is only God  
that knows what is yet ahead we  
may now be considered like a ship  
in Harbour we are now to reside  
for a while on a large farm about  
2 miles from Treaton. But we may  
expect whenever comes, to put to  
sea again when the days come.  
But some of us will doubtless be  
gone to eternity before that time.

The inquiry may with much propriety  
begin among us "Lord is it I" and  
"Lord is it I & I think it is if  
I expect to calculate on difficulties  
yet not distrust, if God is with us  
all well."

Death cannot make our souls afraid  
If God be with us there  
We may yet walk through the darkest shade  
And never yield to fear

Torah Bay July 11 AM

This day the remainder of the  
people that were out in the clip  
arrived from Sherbro in health. There  
was no resistance made by the natives.  
To God alone the glory should be given  
we have had some very heavy showers of  
rain for the last three days, so say it is  
fine weather. Two or three of our  
people are sick. But as to whole I  
think we are highly favored with health  
~~Not a sick person in the party~~

The Rev Mr. Thoburn first agent of the  
Society in a very highly favored us to  
Health, / not a sick day since on the  
coast / He anticipates an attack every  
day. We have had no account ~~of the~~  
yet from the American Schooner  
Alligator from Boston which left this  
about 7 weeks ago on a cruise down  
the coast / at least no account that  
we can credit / Sir George Collier left  
this port for England about 3 weeks  
ago his time on this coast as Com  
having expired, He is <sup>to</sup> however ~~soon~~  
~~at~~ succeeded by another Com. The  
British are <sup>by</sup> jealous in the cause  
they have brought into this colony  
(Sierra L) since the commencement  
of the rains upwards of 1000 slaves  
have, even as I felt an humble ~~to~~  
boldness in coming to a throne of  
grace at the time of family  
prayer. It is good to wait on God

Great Bay July 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday

This day has been fine  
weather

2 P.M. 14<sup>th</sup> July Saturday

The rains have been  
considerable to day. But no new  
cases of fever.

Great Bay July 15<sup>th</sup> Sab

This day another of our peo-  
ple was numbered with the dead a  
boy about 14 years old who came  
out in the Bay ventless. But  
~~other~~ going to ~~say~~ ~~the~~ ~~other~~ ~~the~~ ~~other~~

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Stark Bay July 19 Thursday  
Last evening another of our people  
left us on a visit to a world  
of spirits. ~~But~~ he came out in the  
~~water~~. He was a professor, and I believe  
a professor of religion. He was about 75  
years of age. I regret his loss. He was a  
man of peace. His name was Joseph  
Bankford. I fear he has left few friends  
amongst us.

"Let me die the death of the righteous  
and let my last end be like their's

We have had but little rain  
since Sabbath day. This afternoon the  
clouds pour out their contents profusely.  
We still have a few on the sick  
list. One hopes of raising good crops  
are nearly blasted. Perhaps we have  
not had the right season in casting  
in seed. The insects are said to  
be worse than common. They are abundant.  
Those who may live through the rains  
will learn much experience as to  
farming.

St. Kroy July 20 Friday

The Rev Dr. Adams who has been  
one of my family ever since the return  
of Mr Bacon to America, has not as  
resigned a day's sickness to my knowledge  
since on the coast until to day. He  
complains of a pain in the head &  
much inclined to the bed but has  
not as yet much fever. He has  
commenced the use of the fever tea.  
We have had considerable rain to day.

To Bay July 23. Mon.

Yesterday my son was compelled in waiting upon God - no rain - and very little to day. Mr. Andrew is quite ill. Troubles at the stomach, & violent pain in the head. He has just ordered Dr. Wm. Macaulay to attend him.

To Bay July 24. Tues.

Two of our children are quite sick, the Doctor attended this morning. The Revd Mr. F. Wood (chaplain of the colony of Sierra Leon) this afternoon paid Mr. Andrew a friendly visit. I am much pleased with Mr. F. Wood I do not think Mr. Andrew will, much care in company however in the first stage of the attack of African fever. Mr. Wm. has been quite poorly for the last two days, we have had some rain attended with thunder this afternoon. The lesson read this evening in family worship Job 19. and 2 Tim 3. I am not free to omit one thing on this journal the following. Mr. F. Wood made an observation (or quotation) & I felt its importance, viz. "The Lord doth not afflict willingly", if so said he, it must be for our good that he doth it. In this sentiment, the Revd Mr. F. Wood acquiesced. How very different thought I is the meeting of the afflicted Christian & his Brothers in Christ and the meeting of the afflicted Infidel, and his Brother in infidelity.

Georah Bay July 25. wed.

We have had some rain & thunder & lightning to day - The Revd Mr. Andrew grows weaker he takes but little nourishment. My youngest child (Kamuel) is quite sick, Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood seem to be troubled with worms, I have quite a sick family - Ode God is very good,

in that he keeps my dear wife long sick on her  
feet & enables her to stand on Mr Andrews &  
the children without the aid of a nurse, when  
my wife stands it wonderfully. But the glory  
belongs to God alone. this evening lesson. James 14

Forah Bay July 26. Thurs.

Considerable rain to day - This evening lesson  
let 21; Titus 1 after which I was comforted  
in reading the life of Mr Penn. Vol 2 page 273.  
Phil Ed by Bradford. This work was lent out  
to me by my dear friend Philip E. Thomas of Bul-  
tinous in the Big Nautilus, by the hands  
of Mr E. Bradford.

Forah Bay July 27. Friday

Considerable rain last night - a little to day  
Mr Andrews no better than I can perceive. The  
Dr has applied a blister to the pit of his Stomach  
My child Samuel, very poorly, but God is  
very good

Forah Bay July 28. Sat.

Little did I think last Evening that I should  
have to enter on this journal so soon the death  
of my dear friend the Rev Mr Andrews. At an  
early hour this morning by his request, I wrote  
a note to the Dr informing him that he was  
better, & for the Dr not to call until to morrow.  
I did so - The Dr sent some medicine directing  
that when his fever went off, to commence  
giving it to him. He read the directions - and  
conversed freely, talked with my wife while  
she was dressing his Blister, but seemed however  
much improved in Prayer, she had not left  
the room, but a few minutes before I heard  
as I thought an uncommon breathing, I started  
with my wife to his bed side, but found

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him speechless and in the arms of death. He  
soon breathed his last without speaking  
again, I think in a fit. I have not a  
doubt in my mind. But he is now  
in Abraham's bosom. In the bosom  
with he has made one of my family.  
I believe that he was a man of vital  
piety and godliness. He loved his ~~Bible~~  
~~Bible~~ and during the last four weeks  
read much in it with the appearance  
of deep attention. He scarcely let a day  
pass without speaking of our removal  
to the Bapo. His heart seemed in the  
work. But observed to me several times  
since the departure of Mr C Bacon,  
that he intended to end his days should  
resign his agency and become a mis-  
sionary that he intended to end his  
days in Africa. But alas he is gone.  
and for ought I know while I enter  
this in my journal his spirit may  
be a witness to the same. Yea while  
his cold clayey tenant lies inactive  
at my right hand while writing these  
lines. His spirit I believe enjoys the  
Beatific vision. He expired about two  
o'clock this afternoon. His despatch  
seems to shed a veil or gloom over our  
prospects. But this we know that God  
~~has~~ done all things right, our duty  
is to submit. may the sudden death  
be sanctified to my good. He was  
taken sick this day week.

Journal Day July 24<sup>th</sup> 1851

This day we we conveyed the remains of the

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Rev Mr Taylor to the brace he was entered  
very recently in the buying ground in  
Free Town Sierra Leone. The Rev Mr Hood  
(Chaplain of the Col) officiated.

Barak Bay July 31<sup>st</sup> 1812

Calm day yesterday and to day  
have been trying days to me. But O  
God I still put my trust. And I am  
at this moment confident that had I not  
put my trust in him I should under  
my late trials have fainted in my mind  
and given up. O my dear Lord never  
leave me. But sanctify these trials  
to the good of my poor soul. How  
knowest the deep waters through which  
I wade. I desire at this moment to  
lift my heart to thee in thanksgiving  
for consolation I feel in my soul.  
It is all of grace. Do thou oh Lord  
smile on me by these trials and free  
from me for new ones. It is safe  
to calculate on every day's bringing  
with it new trials. But if we  
only keep in the Ark there is safety.

Barak Bay Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs

But little rain to day or  
yesterday. None of our people dangerous  
my child Samuel Better, How good  
God is.

Barak Bay Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Sat

The abundance of rain to day has  
changed for the worse in the health  
of our people. When all the mercury of gold

My rising clouds answer

With my cold heat art thou not lost

In wonder come and praise

Through hidden dangers, toils and trials  
He gently leading my way  
And through the stormy waves of life  
More to be feared than thyself.

Sarah Bay as I have  
You know we had a long  
walk from the arrival by the way of land

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The States that humanely & for the benefit  
of all was well - but that the progress  
of the people of colour were growing  
more, and more gloomy - that they  
were in suspense as to what was best  
for them - to do. That some had  
already emigrated to Canada. -  
This day I received letters from the  
- world over to America by the way  
of Eng and to inform the world  
of progress of the death of their  
agent the Rev Mr. Brown.

Torah Bay Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Thurs  
All my children sick, the rest  
of the village getting better. We have  
I think, given a state for several  
days past, we have been much annoyed  
by the Indians. They are and that  
sometimes drive people out of their  
houses, they are different from those in  
America. When they enter into our houses  
we have to flee out for safety  
half an hour, during which time  
they, taking rats, scorpions, snakes, lizards,  
and all kinds of reptiles, so that  
although a visit from a procession  
of those animals are troublesome - yet I  
trust these will very usefull, and  
conducive of health.

Torah Bay Aug 11 Friday  
All my children continue sick.  
My oldest son Daniel is very sick (fever)  
not much gain this week. Mr. Brown  
is confined to his room has to say the poor  
providence brought from Bapu / son of King

But and place of refuge from by the  
Rev Mr Adams to attend school, until  
our people should remove to the City  
less on last Sabbath Day. I much regret  
his death. Omit Gods will must be  
subordinated to his designs towards us, we  
will every instrument and is should for not  
be able to comprehend it you have an  
ever for certainty, publick or in private he  
done all things right under the influence  
of his belief I can say with one of  
old "Mought be stay one yet will  
I trust in him" Job 13.5

Joseph Boy ang 20 On

Mr & Mrs Wm took sick. My  
son Daniel quite poor. Dr  
Hawes of New London called in to  
see him, as he attended Mr Wm. The rains  
for the last two days quite moderate.  
Our people generally recovering, But  
little said among us about removing  
to Cape. It accords from the  
Alligator. Jones ~~thinks~~ thinks he has  
returned to America. others think  
he has engaged some large slave  
and has been taken. But all  
this is conjecture, and may, a may  
not be true. But my present  
opinion is that nothing of very great  
importance will be done until  
we hear from America.

Forak Dayay 21 Dec

Considerable rain to day. Dr. Horner spent considerable time with us to day. His talk on the moon light, by an Email no letter

I had much very agreeable conversation  
with the Dr. relative to the King of the  
tribes. His statement relative to the  
power of this King is corroborated by our  
George Allen, and Mr. Johnson.  
Our Robinson's Book contains much  
information on this important subject.  
Indeed his King is ~~unconquered~~ Africa  
what Dona's wife was in Europe.  
He is the terror of the nations around  
him. This consideration was the late  
few days' studies of a boy going to our  
settlement, being just at Alma.

Friend Agard is here  
The Dr. thinks two more letters  
and then come no letter. It is a sobering  
time. I have something like an attack  
of the Blues again. This evening I was  
much comforted in reading Psalm 84.  
I would recommend this psalm to  
the most trying situations they may  
be placed in. Read much in the  
Book of Psalms. Read Little and  
Daily.

Forbush 23rd Aug 2<sup>d</sup> of 1862  
This is a time to exercise our faith  
and hope. The War is now thought  
to be dangerous. Thing grow darker  
around us. My children are rather  
better.

God of my life who graciously  
brought various deaths in my path with but  
as turned aside the fatal blow  
as lifted up my sinking head  
In all my ways thy hand I own.

By ruling Providence will  
break me a little my course is run  
and will lead my path to thee  
Off from the margin of the grave  
Thou hast left left up my road  
Sadder I found the road to have  
The lower world they such to lead

Sarah C. & C. W. C. W.  
The old black man whom we used to  
see in the Blacks - one - black in afternoon  
was sickish in last week. I went into his  
room (or rather to the door as there were many  
persons in the house) and found he was not well.  
But I thought he was dying. About 10 o'clock the  
breathless his last. He had been much troubled with  
the sickness, for three days. His wife is quite poor  
May the Lord help us.

J. B. Aug 26 Sat

This day we entered the town of the Warren in the same road  
as yesterday. By the side of the road.

For the Bay Aug 27. Mon.

The following Extract is from the  
Sierra Leone paper.

Aug 18. We have had several fine days last week. The heaviest showers of rain have fallen in the night and there has been thunder occasionally with some little lightning which adds to a expectation of a short continuance of the season of rain. The rains began earlier than usual and a ~~large~~ <sup>considerable</sup> quantity has already fallen. The ~~leaves~~ <sup>leaves</sup> that have fallen has been washed up the night before.

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of any credit is to be given to the common  
observation of the old inhabitants  
of the colony that the greatest  
sicknes is in the year in those years  
in which the largest quantity of  
rain falls. But although there  
has been a good deal of sickness  
this season the character of the in-  
-domestic fever has been mild and  
infective in the generality of re-  
-cases and as the season seems near  
to be fast approaching towards its con-  
-clusion there is every possibility that  
this so much decided surge will  
entirely disappear by change of character.

If the faculty consider the virile  
vegetation in the street and the thick  
and overgrown jungle which besiege  
the lots particularly in the eastern  
half of the town as not only a fruitful  
source of the fever which usually  
appears but the main cause of its long  
continuance and severity. There are  
public measures which if not removed  
before the power of the sun checks  
a destroy of vegetation few will find in  
this colony (Sierra Leone) may expect  
to escape the ague and the will  
it engenders during the dry season.

Gorak Bay Aug 28 Mrs.

My voice continues very poorly con-  
-tinues of much weakness and but  
little pain. My children recover very  
slow. But I feel very thankful  
that we are so much favored. My

wife have not you been attacked like  
in the trial house of the last expire-  
-tion that have escaped so far being  
scold. I expect it however easily we  
have had more misery. That  
God would give me grace for  
future trials, his promises are all  
true, and he hath said my grace  
is sufficient for you, & blessed  
promises.

Torrah Bay Aug 29 Wed

This day have been a day of trials.  
I found much comfort this evening  
in reading at the time of family duty  
Pro 24, 19. The teeth were made a  
deep impression on my mind. Mr.  
Winn is thought to be very poorly. I  
feel slight fever But little rain  
to day, & what should we do with  
out a God. Without a Christ, with-  
out the spirit, without the Bible?

Touch us the happy art,

In all things to depend,

On thee, O never fail departing

But love me to the end.

Torrah Bay Aug 30 Thu

Mrs Winn, continues very faintly.  
Should I be asked in this trying time,  
What think you now of Africa? I could  
in truth answer that I know that God  
is in Africa, and to her that believe  
he is precious, and I feel at this moment  
a heart to praise him in Africa, as  
to what we meet with here, Mockery,  
death, and disappointment, this is not

confined to Africa.

Frank Bay Aug 31 The

This morning about 11 o'clock Mr. Main reported this life. It is a solemn time with us, when I was about to attend to family duty this evening, I paused for a moment, it occurred to me to read the last of a paper, without the least recollection of its contents, I found it very appropriate, and we - fall. My son Daniel is very poorly, I fear he has drank cold water after taking medicine, unknown to me.

F Bay Sept 1 Sat

about two this morning Mr. Main departed from me, it came into my mind to open my Bible for it was laying on the table, I did so and found in Psalms 146, I was so much pleased with it that I took up my pen and copied it.

1. Praise ye the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul, while I live will I praise the Lord; I will sing praises unto my God while I have a being. It had not been trust in Praises, nor in the arm of man in whom there is no help. His breath gone forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Happy is he that hath the Lord God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God. Which made heaven and earth, the sea and all that therein

"Which keepeth truth for ever, which ex-  
-ecuteth judgment for the oppressed, which  
giveth bread to the hungry. The Lord saveth  
the prisoners; The Lord openeth the eyes  
of the blind, The Lord raiseth up them  
that are bowed down; The Lord bath the  
neglectors; The Lord preserveth the shan-  
-gers; The rebuketh the fancies left and und-  
-oed; But the way of the wicked  
he turneth upside down! The Good  
shall reign for ever, even thy God  
O Zion, unto all generations. Praise  
ye the Lord. 11

About 11 o'clock the remains  
of Mr. Morris was entered in the  
Burial Ground in Freeport —

(My oldest son was too poorly  
for to admit of any going to the  
grave, now fearing the thought  
that some this dear spirit may have  
joined the chorus of the upper  
sky.)

Foras B. Jeff's Sab  
& heavy shower of rain  
and distant thunder. Two or  
three among us suspended. My  
oldest son is so far restored to  
his speech as to be understood  
some words. For the last two days  
he had to write on the slate what  
he wished to say. My wife is quite  
small as to be able to attend  
to her domestic concerns. How good  
the Lord is to me. Had I  
as many tongues as I have hairs upon

my head. They might be all justly  
employed in praising his adorable name.  
It is a matter of small moment as to  
the difficulties we pass through if we  
are only favored with grace to support  
or comfort us under them — Feeling disposed  
to be comforted by reading the Bible I  
often feel enabled to raise my heart  
to God in prayer when I am about to  
open this blessed volume. It family duty  
this evening I opened it & ca b and found  
it very comforting. Surely the word  
of God is an invaluable treasure to  
his people. It is a question of some  
importance

What is the Balm of Gilead,  
and the Physician spoke of in Gen  
8.22? I know not but I should be  
as safe in understanding the Balm to  
mean the Bible, as the very learned  
and ingenious South in understanding  
the Physician to mean the Prophets/ See  
South on the place in Scott

Torrah Bay Sep 3 Mon

This evening I thought much  
about my dear American Friends, Both  
white & colored. The Lord grant  
that we may need n' reader, if  
no more on earth. There is but  
little ground to hope for the latter,  
though all things are possible with  
God — Pick up with no despair to be  
at a stand. no new cases and but  
will occur to day. But the state of the  
air seems to be unhealthy being very damp

Good Bishop keep thy pastor young  
and in Better church at the time of  
our parting come back to my mind this  
evening.

Although they through foreign lands  
do roams

And breath the tainted air  
In burning climates far from home  
Yet know a God art here.

Forah By sept 4 Tues

The health of the people about  
the same. We had a heavy shower  
of rain all day light this morning.  
It is thought to be a sign of the  
breaking up of the rains when the  
rain falls mostly in the night. I begin  
to feel an increasing desire to return to  
America. I can not bring my mind to  
any satisfactory conclusion as to the  
future operations that will take place  
among us previous to our hearing  
from home, may the Lord direct us - I had a very singular  
dream last evening. And although I  
pay but little attention to dreams  
Yet such was the deep impression made  
by this dream on my mind that I enter-  
it in my journal. And I shall note  
the subsequent occurrences to see  
the interpretation thereof.

Forah By sept 9 am

While reading Psalm 72 in family  
duty I was brought to sum up the  
8, 9, 10, 11, verses. Took Joseph Benson  
in his note on verse tenth ~~marked~~ the

following observations

" Two countries of Arabia, separated  
the one be a part of Arabia and the  
other of Ethiopia beyond Egypt [yea  
all nations shall sever him] This cannot  
be affirmed with any shadow of truth  
of Solomon but was a will be  
inquestionably vanquished in Christ who  
is and will shew himself to be King  
of Kings and Lord of Lords, and will  
be universally acknowledged. Re yet, and  
worshipped by all the Kings and nations  
of the earth", Benson a loc. truth  
judicious divine says, "It is absurd to  
interpret this of the forced subversion  
which even the wicked will make  
to Christ in the day of judgment  
for how will they sever him by going  
away into everlasting fire prepared for  
the Devil and his angles", No doubt the  
Bremenian is here foetold Scott a loc.  
It appears that Dr Scott complains of  
Pop Bonn's note on the 11 verse, I think  
that Benson, and Scott hath hit the  
meaning. If so how very encouraging  
to Missionary excursions, how sora-  
-gion to the American Col Society  
at this gloomy and trying time.

Nations the learned and the rude  
die by these heavenly arms subdued,  
While Satan rages at his loss,

And makes the doctrine of the Cross  
Thomas Harris of Baltimore and  
two children are very sick, who I  
visited him this morning he had a high

fever, and violent pains in the head.

Forrah Bay Sep 16 Mon

Cloudy & cool it rains almost a  
tornado

Forrah Bay Sep 16 Tues

Several rains during the last  
3 days, but mostly keeps the bay for  
the night. I have continuous with  
fever, one of the British surgeons have  
just brought in another cargo of  
slaves. Oh when will this evil be  
abolished!

Forrah Bay Sep 17 Mon

My children all recovering,  
a great quantity of rain has fell  
during the last few days - This afternoon  
a tornado attended with rain, wind,  
lightning, and thunder - We are  
now becoming very anxious to hear from  
home

Forrah Bay Sep 20 Tues

Much rain has fell to day  
heavy thunder, however very severe Clap  
(or explosion,) No gun to be seen  
the last two days

Forrah Bay Sep 21 Wed

My mind has been much con-  
cerned towards home in respect to the  
operations that may ~~take~~ be going on  
by Gov<sup>r</sup> or the Society

What will Gov<sup>r</sup> think when they  
hear of the death of their first agent

I suppose Mr Bacon died on his  
passage home however left very unwilling

What will the Society think of the death

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of their first agent the Rev Mr. Phillips;  
[4] What will be King of Bapta think of  
the death of his Lord?

Perhaps there is some similarity  
between the feeling of David Psalm 32  
and mine, I read this Psalm to day and  
mine to ~~do~~ <sup>ought</sup> draw ~~off~~ <sup>Comfort</sup> from  
the 5 verse. Suppose one trouble follow  
and after another yet day says Bp  
Hork "as a sovereign cordial for  
Melancholy Preserves faith. for God  
free"